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INTENTION TO ACQUIRE

Planters Bank To Buy Local ONB Branch

By Carolyn Walker

For the second time in just over a year, a Dawson Springs bank will have a new name and new owners. Old National Bank, which was Integra Bank until late July of 2011, is one of five Old National branches being purchased by Planters Bank of Hopkinsville.

On Aug. 16, Planters announced its intention to acquire the Dawson Springs branch along with Old National branches in Princeton, Providence, Sebree and Sturgis. In connection with the acquisition, Planters is assuming all the deposit liabilities of the branches, but is not acquiring any loans. The total deposits being as-

sumed were approximately \$92 million as of Aug. 1.

Plans call for the transaction to be complete within 90-120 days, subject to regulatory approval and the satisfaction of other customary closing conditions.

"Planters' growth has been strong and steady over these past 16 years," said president and CEO Elizabeth McCoy. "This opportunity to expand our presence further into Western Kentucky is a positive move both for the bank and these five communities."

Planters Bank is an FDIC-insured community bank with assets totaling \$677 million on June 30. The bank was founded in 1996 in Hopkinsville and expanded into Clarksville, Tenn.,



DAWSON SPRINGS High School Class of 2013 makes a grand entrance to "Fun Night" at the municipal park Friday, Aug. 17, aboard a roll back truck furnished by Ron's Auto Body.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

CONTRACT WITH HEALTH DEPARMENT ALMOST DOUBLES

School Board Takes Slight Property Tax Increase

The Dawson Springs Board of Education set the 2013 tax rates during its regularly scheduled meeting Monday. Superintendent Charles Proffitt recommended taking the compensating rate of 67.3 on real estate, an increase from last year's 66.3 cents per \$100. The motor vehicle tax of 68.7 and the utility tax of 3 percent will remain the same.

Treasurer Jenny Bruce reported the district began the 2012-2013 school year with more than \$400,000 less than at the start of the previous year. The total cash on hand at the end of

July was \$1,407,074.24. However, the general fund balance of \$1,334,949.03 was down \$289,066.33 from last year.

The annual financial report for fiscal year 2012 was also approved. It showed total expenditures of \$6,594,813 for the year, most of which, Bruce said, was payroll. The 2012 financial statement can be viewed at the central office during regular business hours or on the district Web site at <http://www.dsprings.k12.ky.us>. Click on Board of Education and then on District Documents on the left side of the page.

The board approved the school nurse contract with the Hopkins County Health Department for the year. The cost to the district will be \$15,600, almost double the \$8,200 paid in prior years. However, Proffitt said this program is still less expensive than independently hiring a registered nurse.

A first reading was held of updates to three policies for certified and classified employees. The policies relate to holidays, jury duty and new salary deductions. A second reading will take place next month.

A memorandum of agreement for

an Innovative Approaches to Literacy Grant totaling \$750,000 was approved. The two-year grant is to be shared among seven schools. Between November of this year and October 2014, each school will receive \$43,000 for nonfiction, \$18,000 for fiction and \$20,000 for nonprint materials. The other schools in the group are Crittenden County, Hickman County, Fulton County, Fulton Independent, Mayfield Independent and Paducah Independent.

A bid for vinyl siding to replace the wooden portions of the central office

in the amount of \$4,450 was approved. The bid from Mike Martin was the lower of two local bids received for identical materials and services. The second bid was for \$6,130. The siding will be used on the eaves, soffits and gables of the building where the wood is peeling away and birds are able to fly in at the back.

Several items will be sold as surplus. These include two steamers from the cafeteria, a Gator utility vehicle and a large printer.

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ELEMENTARY SBDM COUNCIL

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Elementary SBDM Council held its August meeting Monday and discussed activities to promote parental involvement. Several ideas were generated, the first of which involves a possible grandparents' lunch next month.

Principal Jennifer Ward asked members to continue to offer suggestions for opportunities to involve the parents and guardians of the elementary students throughout the year.

The council approved changes to the student handbook policy on wearing flip flops to school. Ward said she had previously said no flip flops would be worn but decided to revise the policy to allow them in grades three through six. This is because the material covering the playground used by the lower grades can penetrate the bottom of the flip flops.

Cassie Bruch, one of two parent representatives on the council, recommended an amendment to the consultation policy as it pertains to forming interview committees. The sug-

gested change would specify that the parent serving on the committee would not be a district employee and that parent representatives on the council be given first chance to serve on the committee.

Bruch said she made the same request to the high school council. However, she said the recommendation was not considered. She thanked the elementary council for hearing her and recognizing that parent representatives are elected to the council by the parents of the students. Ward said the consultation policy will be on

the September agenda.

In the budget report, Ward said 42.1 percent of the yearly allocation has been used, mostly for regular instructional supplies. The available balance is \$18,716.83.

Because the budget is so tight, Ward asked council members to review the agenda for the upcoming Kentucky Association of School Councils conference before deciding whether to go. Bruch noted that local junior high teachers will be presenting on high performing middle

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JR./SR. HIGH SBDM COUNCIL

Students Offered College Credits

By Carolyn Walker

"It's been a good start. That sets the tone for the rest of the year," Principal Terry Hayes told the junior-senior high SBDM council at its first meeting since school has been in session.

Guidance counselor Lori Wooton spoke briefly to the council about online college courses and other opportunities for Dawson Springs students to earn college credit. Most of the online courses are taken through Murray State University's Racer Academy. The grades

for those classes will appear on the students' transcripts, and students will receive both high school and college credits.

Other opportunities for credit include a course available to library aides. According to Wooton, some "really good students" are assisting media specialist Rhonda Simpson this year and will have the option of earning credit for their work. One student is also receiving credit through Racer Academy for peer tutoring.

The council voted unanimously to revise the schedule

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ANDIE MILLS, a freshman at Dawson Springs High School, attempts to make a clean catch in the egg toss event in the Fun Night competitions Friday, Aug. 17, at the municipal park.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

Cantaloupes Connected To Salmonella Outbreak

The Department for Public Health (DPH) has reported that cantaloupes tested in the state public health laboratory carry the same strain of Salmonella associated with a statewide outbreak that health officials say is still ongoing.

The salmonellosis outbreak,

which has sickened at least 50 Kentuckians and been associated with two deaths, began in early July.

Through an epidemiological investigation and confirmatory lab testing, Kentucky public

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SHELBY LONEY, a junior at Dawson Springs High School, makes a safe catch of a water balloon Friday, Aug. 17, at the municipal park during the Fun Night competitions.

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Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Jimmy R. Kelley, 44, 3535 Niles Road, was arrested Aug. 15 at Clarkdale Court. He was charged with two counts of theft by deception (cold checks under \$500). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—A 15-year-old Dawson Springs female was cited and released to her parent/guardian Aug. 15 on Hickory Street. She was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Missy D. Clark, aka Missy M. Clark, 27, 20 Veterans Drive, Hanson, was arrested Aug. 17 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. She was charged with theft by deception (cold check under \$500). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Corey Bourland, 23, 380 White School Road, was arrested Aug. 17 on Ky. 109 North. He was charged with operating on a suspended operator's license. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Sallie M. Johnson, 50, 304 Hickory St., was cited Aug. 18 on Park Road. She was charged with operating on a suspended operator's license and failure to use a child restraint device in a vehicle. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Brandon W. Keyes, 28, 304 Hickory St., was arrested Aug. 18 on Park Road. He was charged with contempt of court (Hopkins County Family Circuit Court warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Stephanie L. Shaw, 24, 101 Baxter Ave., Apt. 23A, was arrested Aug. 18 on Baxter Avenue. She was charged with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

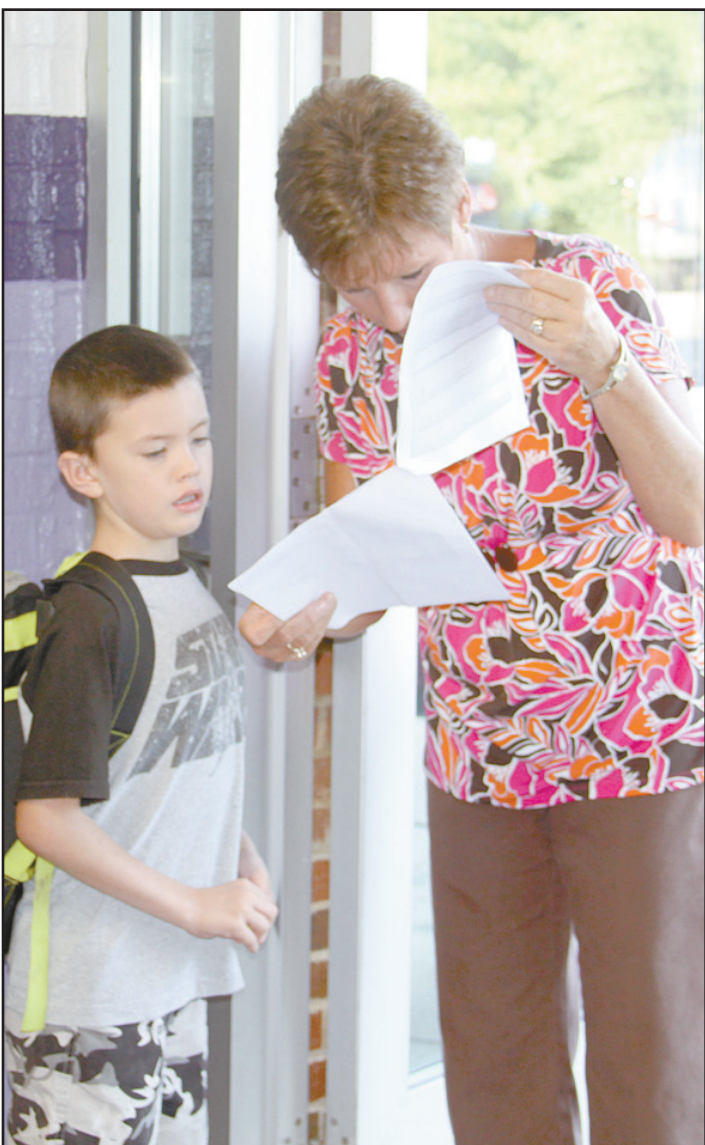
—Michael G. Suttle, 45, 207 E. Arcadia Ave., was arrested Aug. 18 at his residence. He was charged with violation of a Kentucky Emergency Protection Order/ Domestic Violence Order (Hopkins County arrest warrant). Josh Travis was the charging officer.

—Tommy L. Shaw, 23, 101 Baxter Ave., Apt. 23A, was arrested Aug. 19 at 13060 Beulah Road. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, drugs, etc., first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), resisting arrest, reckless driving, possession of an open alcohol container in a motor vehicle, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security and three counts of disregarding a stop sign. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider and Deputy Ryan Bailey. The charges stemmed from a vehicle pursuit that started in Dawson Springs and ended on Beulah Road just west of Beulah.

—Kerri King, aka Kerri Scott, aka Kerri Jennings, 24, 302 N. Parker St., was served a criminal summons Aug. 19 on U.S. 62 East. She was charged with two counts of theft by deception (Hopkins County summons). Chief Bill Crider was the charging officer.

A local woman was charged by the Madisonville Police Department.

—Stephanie M. Clark, 20, 45 Rosedale Court, Apt. 21, was charged Aug. 15 with alcohol intoxication in a public place.



ANTHONY PAULIN waits for Tammy Audas to find his placement on the first day of the new school year Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department Aug. 10 through Aug. 16.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

Christ the King — 99
Minor violation:
•Some ceiling tiles need replacing.

Dairy Queen (Dawson Springs) — 93
Minor violations:
•Gloves not used when touching ready to eat foods
•Hand sink used as storage
•Floors in need of cleaning
•Food products stored with eggs in same container
•Clean linens not properly stored
•Spillage in cooling units.

Dawson Springs B.O.E. — 100
No violations.

Dawson Springs High School and Grade School — 100

No violations.
Food Giant (Dawson Springs) — 96

Minor violations:
•Foods stored on floor in walk-in freezer
•Improper scoop used in food product
•Foods stored by chemicals.

Hopkins County YMCA — 98
Minor violation:
•Chlorine test strips needed.

Ideal Market (White Plains) — 95
Minor violations:
•No lids on dumpster
•Liquid spillage in bottom of meat cooler
•Hand towels needed in restroom.

Ideal Market (Princeton Road) — 96
Minor violations:
•Refrigerator unit in need of cleaning
•Thermometers needed in all heating/cooling units
•Floor in need of repair.

20 Kentucky Firefighters To Aid Wildfire In Idaho

A crew of 20 Kentucky firefighters has been ordered through the Kentucky Interagency Coordination Center to assist with wildfire in Idaho. On Monday, the crew — comprised of firefighters from the Kentucky Division of Forestry — assembled at the Southern Interagency Fire Cache in London to prepare for departure. Upon arriving in Idaho, they will be assigned to the Trinity Ridge fire. In addition to the 20-member crew, four single-resource KDF personnel are currently assisting with wildfire in Arkansas, California, Oklahoma and Oregon.

“We are fortunate that wildfire conditions in Kentucky have improved, which allowed

us to provide these resources,” said Leah MacSwords, director for KDF.

Wildfires continue to burn out of control in parched areas across the western United States and the long-term weather forecast, showing no relief in sight, prompted the request for Kentucky's help. Although wildfire activity in Kentucky has decreased since earlier in the summer, drought conditions remain a concern, and a few counties are still enforcing burn bans.

Forestry officials continue to stress to the public that wildfire activity in Kentucky is still higher than normal for this time of year and to be cautious with any activity that could create a spark or cause a wildfire to spread.

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WAITING to be served at the “Hats and Handwork Tea” held Sunday, June 24, at the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center are (from left) Shelia Johnson, Barbara Sisk and Wilma Laffoon.

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Kentucky Coal Companies To Export Nine Million Tons Per Year To India

Thanks to a new private-sector agreement, Kentucky coal will help produce affordable, reliable energy to one of the world’s fastest-growing economies for the next 25 years, Gov. Steve Beshear announced.

New Jersey-based FJS Energy LLC signed a 25-year, \$7 billion contract with India’s Abhijeet Group to purchase coal exports from Kentucky and West Virginia through Kentucky-based affiliates FJSE Marshall Inc. and FJSE River Coal.

“It’s no secret that the coal industry is in a state of flux in America, what with erratic market conditions, the uncertain regulatory atmosphere and the ever-changing energy picture. But international markets need coal, and this private partnership is a great example of a new market for Kentucky resources,” said Beshear. “My administration has worked hard to strengthen ties with India, and we’re looking forward to a long and successful partnership with many more economic opportunities.”

Beshear was joined by Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Len Peters, Cabinet for Economic Development Secretary Larry Hayes, and Rep. Keith Hall, Chairman of the House Energy Subcommittee as well as representatives from FJS Energy, Abhijeet Group, Booth Energy Group and River Trading Company.

India needs additional energy sources to produce steel and generate electricity. Under the agreement, Kentucky coal companies will export about 9 million tons of coal per year to the Abhijeet Group. While India does produce coal, domestic production can’t keep up with demand.

FJS Energy’s chairman of the Board and former Chairman of Coal India, Dr. M.P. Narayanan, echoed his support of the agreement. “The deal with the Indian group, besides strengthening trade and business relationship between both the countries, will benefit both the companies optimally. Abhijeet Group is a marquis client for coal producers and suppliers in U.S. and is one of the fastest growing companies in India. FJS Energy is a reliable partner in supplying the needs of its growing list of satisfied clients.”

“I am delighted to partner with FJS Energy which is a reliable and high quality coal producer in the U.S. The import of coal will help us meet India’s increasing demand

for energy and steel,” said Anand Kumar, Executive Director of Abhijeet Group. “This partnership is an example of the strong poten-

tial between American producers and Indian customers. We see a significant growth of our mutually rewarding relationship.”



AMONG those attending the “Hats and Handwork Tea” held Sunday, June 24, at the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center are (from left) Anna Lipford, Shirley Menser and Diane Edwards.

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SHARING a table at “Hats and Handwork Tea” held Sunday, June 24, at the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center are (from left) Beverly Seibert and Joyce Garrett.

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AMONG those attending the “Hats and Handwork Tea” held Sunday, June 24, at the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center are (from left) Willa Dean Furgerson and her daughter Patty Morris.

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Kentucky’s First Confirmed Cases Of Seasonal Influenza Reported

Following reports of the first lab-confirmed cases of influenza this season, Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) officials urge Kentuckians to get a vaccination against influenza as soon as vaccine becomes available from their health care provider.

The reported cases are residents of Boyd County, and the seasonal H3N2 type of influenza virus was identified in each case. Protection against that strain is included in this season’s influenza vaccine. No cases of the H3N2 variant influenza that contain genetic material from swine influenza have been reported in Kentucky to date.

While the flu season typically begins in October or November, sometimes a low level of flu activity can begin as early as late summer. Despite the early start this year, health officials cannot predict how severe the season will be. Kentuckians are encouraged to get a flu vaccine as soon as their health provider has it in stock, because it takes about two weeks for immunity to develop and offer protection against flu. However, vaccination can be given any time during the flu season.

Local health departments and private health care providers are expected to have adequate supplies of flu vaccine on hand for this year’s season, and many providers already have some supplies of vaccine. Additional vaccine shipments should be arriving over the next few weeks. Kentuckians should contact their health care provider or local health department for more information.

“Getting the flu can be debilitating and sometimes life-threatening, so it’s extremely important to take simple preventive steps to avoid it,” said Dr. Steve Davis, acting commissioner of DPH. “You should also follow the advice your mother gave you to prevent flu and other illnesses that tend to circulate at this time of year –wash your hands frequently, cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and stay home when you’re sick.”

The best way to protect against the flu is to receive a flu vaccination. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends flu vaccine for all individuals more than 6 months of age. People who should especially receive the flu vaccine because they may be at higher risk for complications or negative consequences include:

- Children age 6 months to 19 years;
- Pregnant women;
- People 50 years old or older;
- People of any age with chronic health problems;
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities;
- Health care workers;
- Caregivers of or people who live with a person at high

risk for complications from the flu; and

•Out-of-home caregivers of or people who live with children less than 6 months old.

Kentuckians should receive a new flu vaccination each season for optimal protection. Healthy, non-pregnant people age 2-49 years can be vaccinated with either the flu shot or the nasal vaccine spray. Children younger than 9 years old who did not receive a flu vaccination during the last flu season should receive a second dose four or more weeks after their first

vaccination.

Infection with the flu virus can cause fever, headache, cough, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing and body aches. Flu is a very contagious disease caused by the flu virus, which spreads from person to person. Approximately 23,000 deaths due to seasonal flu and its complications occur on average each year in the U.S., according to recently updated estimates from the CDC. However, actual numbers of deaths vary from year to year.

Hopkins Co. Fiscal Court To Receive Mining Refund

Hopkins County Fiscal Court will receive a refund of \$4,725 from mining permit and acreage fees, Gov. Steve Beshear announced last week. Thirty-four Kentucky counties were granted refunds totaling \$585,600.

The Department for Natural Resources collects the fees and returns a portion to coal-producing counties for projects the fiscal courts deem beneficial to their communities.

“Every effort is being made by this administration to help the mining industry extract coal in a manner that is safe, efficient and protective of our environment,” Beshear said. “Our coal-producing counties are our partners, and these funds provide a direct benefit for their efforts.”

The Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court will receive \$7,375 and the Webster County Fiscal Court, \$4,850.

Rep. Waide Urges Opt Out On Abortion Ins. Coverage

State Rep. Ben Waide called on Gov. Steve Beshear Monday to exclude coverage of abortions from the Kentucky Health Exchange Network, which the governor formed a few weeks ago by executive order under ObamaCare. Waide was one of several legislators asking the governor to “opt out” of abortion coverage.

Specific language in the new health care reform law (commonly referred to as the Nelson-Reid compromise) permits a state to opt out of allowing insurance plans that cover abortions to participate in that state’s exchanges.

The provisions of ObamaCare ignore the long-standing

principle of the Hyde Amendment — that the federal government will not pay for abortions or for insurance plans that cover abortions.

“The majority of Kentuckians do not want to pay for abortions. So far the governor’s party has blocked all attempts to even debate pro-life bills on the floor of the House. By opting out, he could ensure that taxpayer dollars are not spent against the will of the people,” Waide said. “Under ObamaCare, the federal government will be subsidizing elective abortions, a federal agency will be managing abortion coverage and individual citizens will pay for abortions through their tax dollars.”

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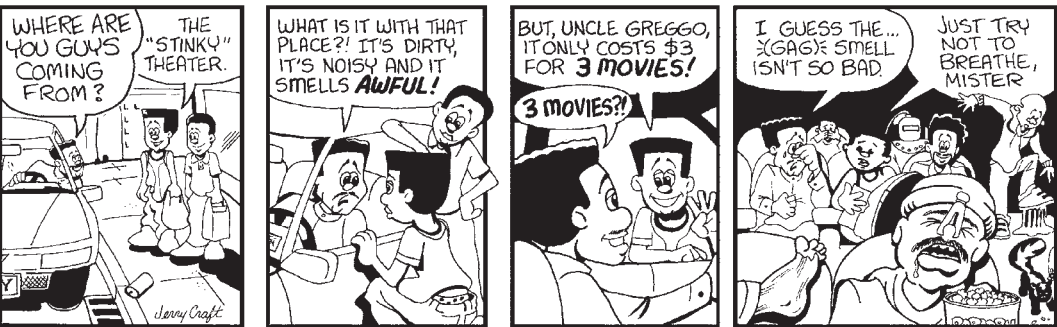
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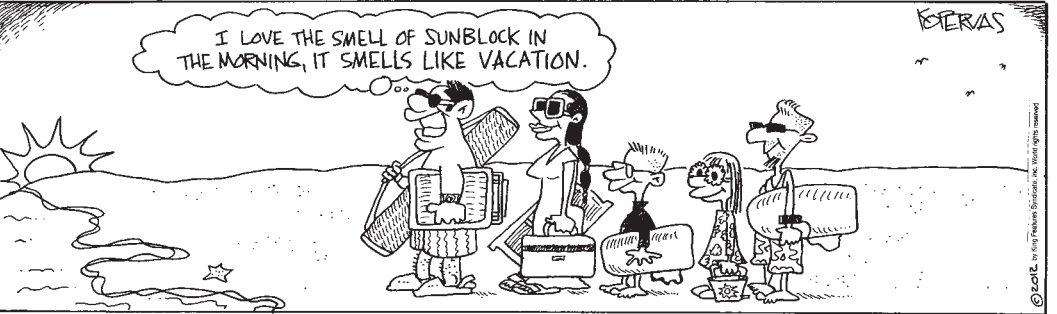
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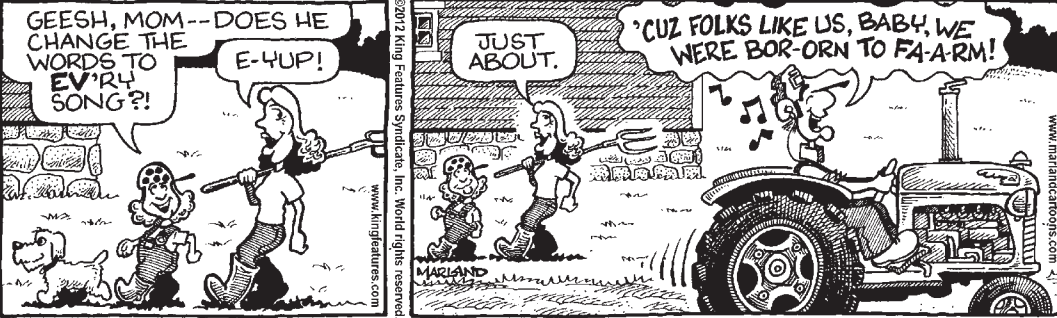
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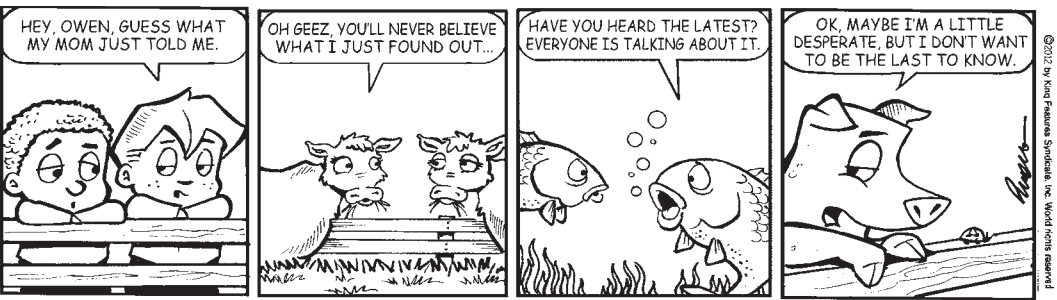
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by Linda Thistle

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To Your Good Health

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.
Sometimes Heartburn Can Lead to Cancer

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For many years, I had heartburn, and I lived with it by taking things like Tums. Finally, I consulted a doctor, who referred me to a gastroenterologist because he was alarmed at the length of time I'd had it. The gastroenterologist gave me a scope exam of my esophagus and stomach. It turns out I have GERD and something called Barrett's esophagus, which turns into cancer. Naturally, I am nervous. I've never heard of heartburn-caused cancer. How often does that happen? -- A.S.

ANSWER: Not often, but enough that plans have to be made to keep checking for such a change.

Heartburn is officially called GERD, gastroesophageal reflux disease. Stomach acid squirts upward (refluxes) into the swallowing tube, the esophagus. The esophagus isn't built to deal with stomach acid the way the stomach is. The result is heartburn.

Medicines for GERD are many. The ones most often chosen are proton-pump inhibitors, medicines that all but turn off acid production. Their names are Prevacid (lansoprazole), Dexilant (dexlansoprazole), Prilosec (omeprazole), Nexium (esomeprazole), Protonix (pantopra-

zole) and Aciphex (rabeprazole). Up to 12 percent of GERD patients, even with treatment, develop Barrett's esophagus. The lining cells of the lower part of the esophagus change into ones that are more resistant to stomach acid. That change can evolve into another transformation that is precancerous. That's called dysplasia. Dysplasia can then become cancer. The absolute risk for this is small, but it is real, and has to be carefully looked for.

If the Barrett's cells show signs of low-grade dysplasia, then a follow-up scope exam of the esophagus is done in six to 12 months and repeated annually. If high-grade changes are found, the scope exam is repeated every six months. If no dysplasia changes are seen, follow-up exams are scheduled for every three years.

The booklet on hiatal hernia and GERD gives a comprehensive treatment on this subject. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 501W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a senior citizen. For the past five years I have received

Botox injections and wonder where the Botox goes after it leaves the injection site after about six or seven months. Does it stay in the body forever? Does it go to an organ? Suddenly, I am worried about this. -- S.B.

ANSWER: The body, as it does with all injected medicines, breaks down Botox, and the breakdown products are eliminated. It's the way nature takes care of all foreign materials that find their way into our bodies.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: All my friends have menstrual cycles that last 28 days. Mine doesn't. They vary from 23 to 34 days. Is that normal? I feel fine. I am 23 and active. My periods are not painful. -- J.F.

ANSWER: The average menstrual cycle is one of 28 days. That's only an average. The cycle can vary from 21 to 35 days and still be considered normal.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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SUPER CROSSWORD

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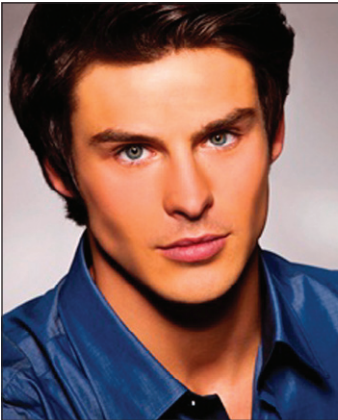
SOAP BUBBLES

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Thomas and Caroline's relationship continued to blossom. Steffy was determined to have a good time with Liam before his wedding to Hope. Stephanie told Hope that she had her doubts about having the ceremony at the Forrester mansion. Katie had some tough questions for Bill about Deacon. Hope failed to show up to dinner with Liam because she was helping Stephanie tend to a health crisis. Steffy swooped in and took Liam out for a night on the town. Wait to See: A newly tattooed Liam stumbles his way to his nuptials. Caroline questions Rick about his interest in Hope.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Many Salemmites were injured in the explosion, including Lucas, who tried to summon the strength to look for Sami. Andrew escaped while Chad assisted Gabi with her injuries. Madison was left feeling jilted at the altar while Brady was trapped in the rubble. Ian took advantage of Brady's absence and told Madison that he loved her and not Kate. Jack had to overcome his PTSD symptoms to save his daughter, Abigail. Nicole began having excruciating preterm labor pains as Daniel stood by helplessly. Kate



Adam Gregory is "Thomas" on "The Bold and The Beautiful"

felt betrayed after Ian admitted that he used her to get rid of Stefan. Chad saw Melanie and Brady sharing a comforting embrace. Nicole was relieved to learn that her baby would be OK. Wait to See: Andrew confesses. Bo discovers that Ian is hiding something.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Sonny asked Kate to marry him. Carly was distraught to find that Josslyn was missing. Sam and Jason made the heart-breaking decision to end their marriage. Dante and Lulu were ecstatic to learn that they were expecting. Luke told Steve that his mother had an accomplice. Josslyn and Alexis both came down with mysterious medical

ailments. Starr didn't understand why Trey was keeping his father's incarceration a secret. Patrick was determined to cope with Robin's death without the use of drugs. Shawn found out that Alexis had a crush on him. Johnny feared that Josslyn was paying for his past mistakes. Wait to See: Trey receives a surprise visitor. Anna is close to finding Robin.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Daniel kissed Heather after she tried to break up with him. Avery told Phyllis to stop interfering with other people's relationships. Lauren wanted to tell the police that the gun Paul was accused of using was hers. Cane demanded that Genieveve tell him everything she knew about his sister's death. Neal and Harmony went on another date, which ended with a kiss. Nikki asked Jack if they could postpone their honeymoon until Victor was found. Needless to say, this didn't go over well with Jack. Victor was hiding as a homeless person in Los Angeles, working at the docks. Phyllis invited Tim over to her house while Nick was gone. Wait to See: Victor gets a helping hand from a nun. Sharon makes a play for Newman Enterprises.

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TRIVIA TEST

- LANGUAGE: In English slang, what is a jumper?
- LITERATURE: What author used the pen name Ellis Bell?
- SUPERHEROES: Who was the Green Hornet's sidekick?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Laos?
- MUSIC: The film "Rhapsody in Blue" was a biographical movie about what composer?
- MOVIES: Who wrote the music score to the movie "Jaws"?
- AD SLOGANS: "You can trust your car to the man who wears the star" was an advertising slogan of what company?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the original name of the island that is home to the Statue of Liberty?
- TELEVISION: What sport is featured in the series "Friday Night Lights"?
- RELIGION: What is the color of the skullcaps worn by Catholic bishops?

Answers

- A sweater
- Emily Bronte
- Kato
- Vientiane
- George Gershwin
- John Williams
- Texaco
- Bedloe's Island
- High school football
- Purple

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ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

Banks Change And Atlanta Chops

Here we go again. It appears a bank in Dawson Springs is about to change its name — again.

It wouldn't matter which of the banks (branch banks) we were talking about, the fact the name is again changing wouldn't be much of a surprise.

There are three banks (branches) in Dawson Springs, and each of them have had at least three name changes in the not so distant past.

It does make it interesting to discuss with others how many of the name changes they can remember. There has probably been a column something like this one before, so don't be surprised if the next time a Dawson Springs branch bank changes names, a column such as this will once again be printed.

The branch bank on Oak Heights is now called Old National Bank. Soon it will be called Planters Bank — if the proposed sale goes through (see story on front page).

It hasn't been too long ago the name was Integra Bank, and before that it was West Kentucky Bank.

The branch bank which is on the corner of Arcadia Avenue and South Main Street is called Fifth Third Bank. We are all accustomed to that name, but it still seems a funny name for anything other than a bottle if you rearrange the names.

This may not be the proper order for that bank's previous names, but it may have been Citizen's before it was Fifth Third. It was Civitas before it was Citizens and People's before it was Civitas.

That bank's first incarnation in Dawson Springs was as First Federal Savings and Loan. Later the name was changed to First Federal Savings Bank.

The bank in Dawson Springs that can trace its local roots back the longest is now called U.S. Bank. It was Commercial Bank of Dawson, but the name was changed to Trans Financial Bank not too long after the local owners sold the bank.

Trans Financial became Star Bank; Star Bank became First Star, and if memory serves, it was First Star when the name was changed several years ago to U.S. Bank.

These names came from deep within the crevices of a 54-year-old brain, so there may be a chance one of the names has been inadvertently forgotten. If anyone remembers other names for banks in Dawson Springs, please drop us an e-mail or phone us.

One other side note: before the depression which began in 1929, there was a bank in Dawson Springs other than Commercial Bank of Dawson. That was First National Bank, and it was shut down by the government following the stock market crash of 1929.

This past weekend was the annual excursion of the father and son duo of Scott and Robert Dillingham to a major league baseball game in some far-off city. This was the 10th year for our annual baseball pilgrimage as we visited Atlanta and saw the Dodgers meet the Braves at Turner Field for two games.

We also took in a pre-season football game between the Cincinnati Bengals and Atlanta Falcons. There's not much that can be said about pre-season football games other than it's a very good way for teams to gouge their fans out of more money. The best players see little playing time, and both teams are more concerned about someone getting hurt than they are about winning — or showing some future opponent new plays. At this particular game there was more action in the seats around us than there was on the field.

Imagine a football stadium with a seating capacity around 65,000 having somewhere in the neighborhood of 18-20,000 fans in the seats. That's right, there are empty seats every where, but especially in the upper deck where we were seated.

Just down the aisle from us was a group having a good time standing, yelling and sometimes dancing during the many breaks in action when loud music was blaring.

Directly behind them was a couple that must have thought they were at a regular season football game since all they wanted to do was watch the boring game — while seated.

It's not easy to watch a game while seated when the people in front of you are standing. This is where the problem started, and both groups did more than enough mouthing about it. First the usher tried to resolve the problem, then security came in for reinforcements.

Why one of the groups (in particular the ones doing the complaining) didn't just get up and move didn't make sense.

At the two baseball games there was much more on-the-field action than there was in the stands.

The Dodgers blew the first game after being ahead 3-1 entering the eighth inning and lost 4-3 in 11 innings.

But Saturday was a better day. Our beloved Dodgers won 6-2, which included hitting back-to-back-to-back home runs for the first time since 2007.

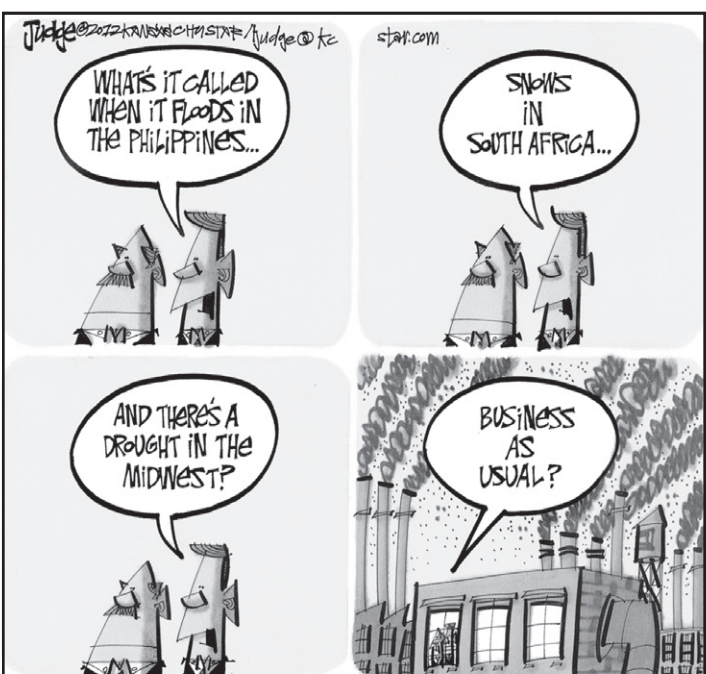
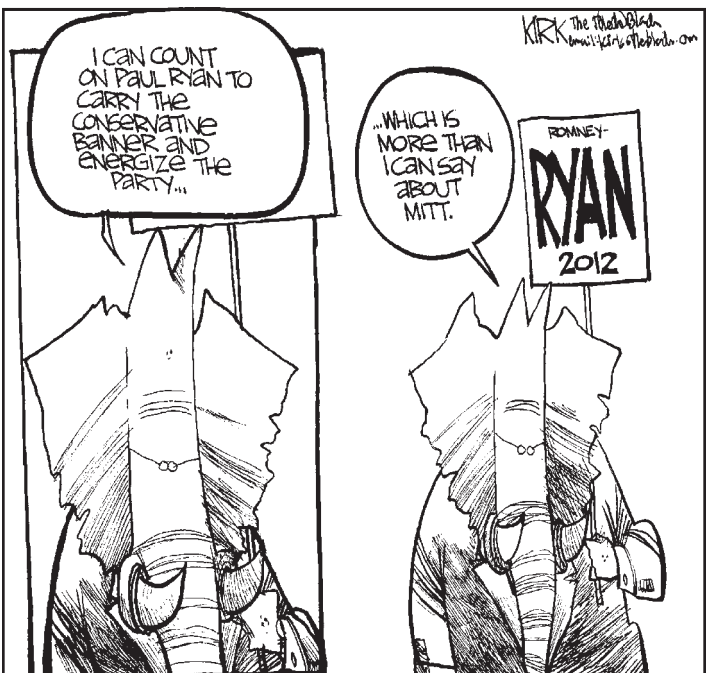
Turner Field is a nice new stadium but not as fan friendly as some of the other new ones I have visited. In the neighborhood around the stadium are a couple of smaller hotels, one larger one and only one restaurant. For us part of the fun is visiting the neighborhoods around the ball park before the game. It's just what you do when you arrive at the stadium five hours before game time.

As blah as the neighborhood around Turner Field is, the downtown area of Atlanta is much worse. There are nice downtown hotels and some not so nice. We didn't stay in a nice one.

However, the main complaint is there are absolutely no good restaurants or places to hang out in the downtown area. We walked and walked and walked looking for something with some character. We did find a Hooters, which lacks any local flair, and one other place called Stats about a mile away.

But as for Atlanta in general, these two boys didn't care much for it, and this one in particular didn't like getting asked for a handout six times.

But what can you expect in a town whose rallying cry for their baseball team is a hideous chop-chop-chop to what they think is an Indian war dance?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PTO Says Thank You

Dear Editor,

The annual Fun Night games, sponsored each year by the Dawson Springs Community Schools Parent-Teacher Organization, were held on Friday, Aug. 17. Students in grades 5-12 competed in the mega obstacle course relay, egg toss, bucket brigade relay, sack race, mummy wrap, egg relay, balloon toss, tape run, sponge brigade, balancing act and tug-of-war.

The eighth grade won the 5-8 grade events, while the senior class was victorious in the high school games. Both of these classes were awarded the grand prize of \$100 from the PTO. The sixth grade won the class spirit award in the 5-8 grade competition, as the senior and junior classes tied (a first for the games) for the award for class spirit in the high school events.

The senior class made an awesome grand entrance into the city park just before the high school games, posing as the gladiators they have proven to be during the past three years of Fun Night competitions. The DSHS Class of 2013 took home top honors in 2010, 2011 and conquered all once again in 2012. The class spirit award is also based on sportsmanship and is voted on by the scorekeeper and field judges. The sixth, 11th and 12th grades will receive an extra \$25 for their exceptional sportsmanship efforts.

"Fun Night" has been a tradition for students at Dawson Springs Community Schools since 1974. Hosting these competitions is a true community effort; I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who made the games and both the 5-8 grade and high school Fun Night dances a success:

For field equipment: Hayes Hardware, Brad and Sarah Brandon, Greg Black, Jim and

Jackie Gordon

Field judges and scorekeepers: Cindy Crider, Tracy Genseal, Lisa Cotton, Bob Bruch, Tracy Overby, Jamie Ford, Vonda Castle

Field prep and cleanup: Bradleigh Bruch, Lisa Cotton, Tracy Genseal, Cindy Crider, Lesley Mills, Dan Dillingham, Jim, Jackie and Allison Gordon, Vonda Castle, June Payne, Ethan Vincent, city of Dawson Springs

Concessions: Karla Mitchell, Randy Pace, Kathy Kelley, Jamie and Richie Ford, Willie and Darla Adams

Dances and chaperones: Ashley McKnight, Anita Black, Jill Bratcher, Troy Caudill, Tiffany Leek, Kelli Moore, Principal Jennifer Ward, Principal Terry Hayes and Corey Wells, DTP Entertainment

This was my 10th year as chairperson of Fun Night events. Ten years ago, I initiated the class spirit award. I would like to thank all students for the shirts, costumes and gimmicks that set you apart from the rest. The DSHS Class of 2013 will definitely be missed — it's going to be difficult for future classes to top their sportsmanship and thirst for competition. In addition, special thanks to Karla Mitchell and Anita Black who have worked diligently to keep Fun Night fun for the students of DSCS for as long as I can remember. It has been an absolute honor to work alongside these ladies.

I was sad to see Fun Night 2012 come and go, as it was my last venture with my pals. Their service to our community and its students is second to none. We also wouldn't have made it through the night without Donna Parker and Ashley Marsili and their help behind the scenes. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank The Dawson Springs Progress and the Pennyrite Plus for their promotion of Fun Night events.

Thank you all for your continued support of the DSCS

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OTHER EDITORS

Is Free Food Really Free?

Last year, the Frankfort Independent school system prudently rejected a government program that subsidizes free lunch and breakfast for all students, not just the poverty-stricken. The city school board opted out after learning universal free meals at Second Street School would have cost city taxpayers \$2,500 a year.

This year there's apparently been a change of heart. Students returning to Second Street for the new school year last week were invited to gather around the table without charge whether they officially qualified for free and reduced-priced meals or not. The system's extra cost is expected to reach about \$5,000 a year.

This new way of doing business results from the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, passed by Congress and signed by President Obama in 2010. The no-pay option applies to schools where at least 40 percent of the student body is on public assistance. The number tops 53 percent at Second Street.

Part of the philosophy is to spare poor children the embarrassment of having to sign up for free meals. Now the humble and the affluent all get the same treatment, which seems to be the trend in federal programs. Government aid to college students has gradually expanded to assist many from relatively prosperous families — who may need a hand because tuition and other costs are rising exponentially. States are mulling over whether to participate in the Medicaid expansion offered under the Affordable Care Act. Medicaid — established to help poor people pay for health care — would grow under the new law to cover those earning up to 133 percent of poverty-level income. As one of the nation's poorest states, Kentucky stands to benefit, but joining the program won't be an easy decision politically because the commonwealth has previously struggled to balance even a

smaller Medicaid budget.

All of these programs address real needs. Lots of people who once thought they were fairly well off have taken a step down the ladder since the Great Recession struck in 2007. Maybe they aren't officially "poor," under the law, but they're having a hard time making ends meet, nonetheless. Some no doubt will be happy to have little Johnny take breakfast and lunch at the school cafeteria.

But the old maxim, "There's no free lunch," still holds. City taxpayers will get the bill for the local portion of this new social service, including parents whose children attend schools where only their poverty-level classmates eat for free.

The government is also forcing up the price of meals served to paying students. The Lexington Herald-Leader reported Monday that many public school districts across Kentucky are having to raise fees this year because the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids law also mandates more wholesome — and costlier — food in school lunches. The rule is that families paying their own way must remit enough to offset the government reimbursement schools receive for free and reduced-priced lunches.

Not everyone's convinced the "health" food measures up. Kim Wallis told The State Journal's Katheran Wasson her daughter will forgo Second Street's free meals and continue carrying a sack lunch from home. She said her homemade food is more healthful and, besides, taxpayers shouldn't have to absorb the extra expense of universal free meals.

Childhood nutrition has always been a basic parental responsibility, which even the impoverished met at great personal sacrifice, if need be. Government should encourage families to rise to this once-respected responsibility, not shirk it.

—The State Journal

LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, August 22, 2002.)

The funeral for Mrs. Pearl Ethridge, 74, was held Saturday afternoon, Aug. 17, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Mrs. Laurel Harris Neisz, 100, was held Saturday afternoon, Aug. 17, at Beshear Funeral Home.

A service for Mrs. Jean Prow Poe, 78, is being held today at 3 p.m. at Beshear Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wetona Franklin Cotton, 73, died Friday night, Aug. 16, in Florida.

The Rev. Lawson Williamson died Monday, Aug. 19, at his home in Leavenworth, Kansas.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Aug. 27, 1987.)

Christopher Dee Summers celebrated his second birthday with a party Aug. 18, at his home.

Sherida Shea Merrell was born Monday, Aug. 17, at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. She weighed eight pounds and 3-1/2 ounces.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, August 23, 1962.)

Julie Ann Ramage won first place in the Local English Pleasure Horse Class IV at the recent 3rd annual Caldwell County 4-H Council Horse Show.

Mark Lynn Vanden Brink was born Sunday, Aug. 12, at Boone County Hospital in Boone, Iowa. He weighed eight pounds and five ounces.

Ginger Kay DeMoss was born Friday, Aug. 3, at Jennie Stuart Hospital in Hopkinsville. She weighed six pounds and three ounces.

Debra Lynn Howton was born Wednesday, Aug. 1, in the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville. She weighed seven pounds and 15 ounces.

Concetta Jane Wilson was born Monday, July 23, at the Caldwell County Hospital in Princeton.

Bettina Bowers celebrated her second birthday with a party Monday, Aug. 20, at the home of her parents.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Ruby Agnes Wade, 51, Monday afternoon at the Ilesley Presbyterian Church.

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On Aug. 23, 1902, pioneering cookbook author Fannie Farmer, who changed the way Americans prepare food by advocating the use of standardized measurements in recipes, opens Miss Farmer's School of Cookery in Boston.
- On Aug. 21, 1959, President Dwight Eisenhower signs a proclamation admitting Hawaii into the Union as the 50th state.
- On Aug. 22, 1962, President Charles De Gaulle of France survives one of several

assassination attempts against him thanks to the superior handling performance of the presidential automobile, the Citroen DS 19. During the attack, a hail of 140 bullets shattered the car's rear window and punctured all four of its tires.

- On Aug. 26, 1974, Charles Lindbergh, the first man to accomplish a solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927, dies in Maui, Hawaii, at the age of 72.

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LETTERS

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PTO. Remember, PTO is for kids.

Cassie Bruch
Coordinator, Fun Night
2012
PTO Vice President 2012-13

School Bash Was Great

Dear Editor,
On Monday, July 23, Dawson Springs Schools held the fourth annual Back to School Bash for students in grades K–12. It was a wonderful night, and approximately 340 students attended and received supplies. I want to thank everyone who had a hand in the event, making it a wonderful night for the many children who will start school with school supplies and a positive view of their teachers and school.

Special thanks to Walmart in Madisonville for assisting me financially and with shopping for the supplies, and to the following for their financial contributions: Jeff Winfrey DMD, B.W. Akin, FBLA, Dawson Springs PTO, Dairy Queen and Food Giant for their donations/assistance that enabled the purchase of the school supplies. I also want to say thanks to Lesley Mills for helping me pick up the supplies and to Di-

anne Labrado and the Student Ambassadors who assisted me in sorting and packing the supplies.

Finally, I would like to extend a very heartfelt thanks to all the teachers and staff who came early to help set up the supplies and cook hotdogs and who assisted that night to make our students and parents feel welcome. Our community is so fortunate to have professionals working at our school who are will0ing to give their time to assist the many programs outside the school day. As we begin this school year, please be thinking of these special people who make educating the children in our community their chosen profession and do so with joy.

Again, thanks to all, and if I have forgotten anybody, it wasn't intentional. Just know that you helped a child.

Lori Wooton
Guidance counselor
Dawson Springs Schools

City's Plan Will Work

Dear Editor,

I have looked over the plans for Dawson Springs, and I think it is a good plan. But it will take the work of all the people in Dawson Springs working together to make it work.

So I am hoping that this is going to work, but as I said, it is going to take all of us working together and doing our part to make Dawson Springs a better town.

Morris Brown
Dawson Springs

Assaults Can Be Stopped

Dear Editor,

Mothers organized against drunken driving 30 years ago, resulting in MADD. They have been effective in changing attitudes and laws. An article by Shannon Cobb in Kentucky Voices on July 28 referred to this movement, and she made a very strong point in asking mothers to stand up again to demand bans on assault weapons.

Could mothers in the USA unite in a drive to limit availability of assault weapons and restrict ammunition for these weapons to use by the armed services and some law enforcement units such as SWAT? One of the horrible aspects of the Aurora, Colo., and other domestic massacres is that the weapons and ammunition were bought legally. Those innocent victims were people's loved ones and could be our own children, husbands

or neighbors.

It is madness that assault weapons are so prevalent when their only purpose is to kill something in wholesale numbers. The 1994 ban on assault weapons should not have been allowed to expire in 2004. We have laws to protect children, elderly and animals against abuse, even laws forbidding litter or second hand smoke. Where is the protection against guns in the hands of deranged persons?

I have nothing against responsible gun ownership for hunters, marksmen, collectors or home defense. But assault weapons have no role in these pursuits. The Second Amendment was ratified in 1791 and assures the right to bear arms in order to maintain a militia because this nation had no standing army at that time. This amendment clearly provides the right to own a blunderbuss, a flintlock musket or whatever firearm existed then. How can this amendment possibly justify ownership of assault weapons?

It is unlikely that our founding fathers could have envisioned such weapons or that this bill would be defined for that purpose. Furthermore, the Ninth Amendment states: "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." This Ninth Amendment diminishes the effect of the second one when it intrudes upon the rights of the people to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Ammunition for assault weapons should be restricted and even that ban would require years to deplete the stockpile of bullets already possessed by gun owners. But it would be a start. Even better would be a ban on both weapons and ammunition.

Shannon Cobb said it well — Mothers, say "No, because we said so." Let's get behind this movement for freedom from slaughter.

Jacquelyn Robinson
Lexington

Tax Returns Are Issues

Dear Editor,

Sen. Harry Reid heard the truth from an "extremely reliable source" that Romney "went 10 years without paying taxes." His informant knew that Romney paid no federal taxes until he was more than 18 years old. The clamor by some for Romney to reveal all his federal tax returns does not seem to apply to Obama's tax returns.

If Romney deigned to respond to such a political warp, he might offer to join Obama in releasing publicly the last two or three of their canceled checks made out to the Internal Revenue Service.

Reid has embarrassed and irked many Democrats who have learned to think for themselves what is better for the United States. The miserable lack of jobs has continued on Obama's watch.

Rex J. Phillips
Gilbertsville

PBS NewsHour To Cover Both Political Conventions

Award-winning political journalists Judy Woodruff and Gwen Ifill of "PBS NewsHour" will co-anchor gavel-to-gavel broadcast coverage from the PBS Skybox at both the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., and the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

"PBS Convention Coverage— A NewsHour Special Report" from the Republican National Convention airs Aug. 27 – Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. and from the Democratic National Convention on Sept. 4 – Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. on KET.

This year's convention coverage also includes 24-hour online stories and updates with NewsHour correspondent Hari Sreenivasan

and extended coverage via the NewsHour's interactive digital map center and "NewsHour All Hours," a 24-hour livestream on multiple channels that offers viewers an "all-access pass" to the conventions.

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EMILY BARRIENTOS (left) and Keaton Gentry are seated and ready for activities in Jackie Greenfield's kindergarten class as Keaton's mother Delana Gentry lends some assistance on the first day of the new school year Wednesday, Aug. 1.

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Cantaloupes Connected To Salmonella

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health officials determined that cantaloupes, which evidence indicates were grown in southwestern Indiana but purchased in Kentucky, carried the same strain of Salmonella determined to be the cause of an ongoing outbreak of infection.

Salmonellosis cases caused by the outbreak strain have also been reported in other states.

In addition, investigation is also continuing into other clusters of salmonella cases in Kentucky, which may be linked to cantaloupe or watermelon consumption.

“Foodborne illness is a serious threat to public health. Consumers are advised to avoid eating cantaloupes from southwestern Indiana, especially if they are at heightened risk for complications from salmonella infection,” said acting Public Health Commissioner Steve Davis, M.D. “In addition, healthcare providers are encouraged to be mindful of patients who may have symptoms consistent with salmonellosis and report all cases to the local health department.”

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is collaborating with public health officials in affected states and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to investigate

the ongoing outbreak, including tracing the source of the affected melons and shipments of melons that may have been contaminated. A likely source of the outbreak is cantaloupes grown in southwestern Indiana region and distributed to stores in Kentucky. No Kentucky-grown cantaloupes have been associated with this outbreak.

Salmonella infections are relatively common, generally resulting in diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps 12–72 hours after infection. Infection is most often diagnosed by culture of a stool sample. The illness usually lasts four to seven days.

Although most people recover without treatment, severe infections may occur, especially in young infants, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems.

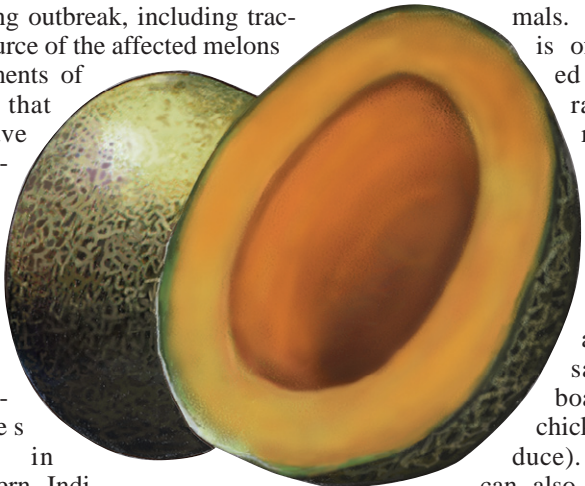
Salmonella is a bacterium that can be found in the intestines of ani-

mals. Salmonellosis is often contracted from eating raw eggs or raw poultry or having those products touch other items that are then eaten (such as using the same cutting board for raw chicken and produce). Salmonella can also be found on the skin of reptiles and other animals.

Handwashing should always be encouraged after playing with pets, especially in young children.

Salmonella can occasionally be found on contaminated produce items, so all produce should be thoroughly washed and scrubbed before eating. In general, the FDA recommends thoroughly washing and scrubbing the rinds of all cantaloupes and melons prior to cutting and slicing, and to keep sliced melons refrigerated prior to eating.

If you believe you have experienced symptoms of salmonellosis, consult your healthcare provider.



Third Annual Sampling Of Dawson Springs Will Be Held September 4

The third annual Sampling of Dawson Springs will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 4 at the community center.

The cost is \$10 for all you can eat, including a drink and dessert. Children 3 and under eat free, and takeout is available.

Anyone who can make a dish to include in the sampling should bring it to the community center by 4 p.m. Please use disposable aluminum pans.

Students To Have Opportunities For Receiving College Credits

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to include these courses.

“I’m glad students are getting college credit,” Hayes said.

A request by parent representative Cassie Bruch to revise the council’s consultation policy was tabled until the next meeting. The change involves the definition of “parent” in connection with the formation of an interview committee. Bruch would like the definition to read that the parent serving on such a committee shall not be an employee of the school system or a relative of an employee of the system. The revision would also specify that the parent representatives elected to the council would be asked first to serve. The matter will be on the Sep-

tember agenda.

Hayes reminded the council that the Kentucky Association of School Councils annual conference will take place Sept. 25 and 26. Representatives of Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High School will make a presentation during the conference.

The budget report showed an available balance of \$17,317.36. Hayes said this is about the same as at this time last year. Approximately 36 percent of the allocation has been spent or encumbered.

The only new hire since the previous council meeting was a middle school girls basketball coach. Ashli Lanham will fill that position.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Sept. 19 at 4 p.m.

School Board Takes Slight Property Tax Increase

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The board approved Rotary Club fees of \$400, two overnight trips for the golf team and an employee handbook. The handbook outlines policies that pertain to staff. A form will be signed by each staff member stating that he or she has received a copy of the handbook and understands the policies. A substitute handbook is forthcoming.

Emergency certification for Shannon Parker was approved. Parker, who was recently hired to teach seventh and eighth grade English, has already begun to fulfill requirements to retain the certification.

Approval of 2012-2013 school handbooks was tabled after Earl Menser brought up concerns about the makeup of the committee responsible for the high school handbook. Accord-

ing to board policy, one board member and one student will be on the committee. This year’s committee lacked those members. One part of the handbook was also in opposition to board policy. Profitt recommended tabling the matter until a new committee with the proper members can be formed to revise the handbook.

Principal Terry Hayes introduced six of the eight new teachers in grades seven through 12 to the board. Parker, Shasha Fight, Jessica Cooper, Keith Gregory, Ashli Lanham and Emily Abbott were present. Michael Lee and Elizabeth Workman were not at the meeting because they were coaching soccer games.

“We’re glad to have them as part of our team,” Hayes said.

In the superintendent’s report, Profitt announced the resignation of board member Karla Mitchell who gave up

her seat to seek employment with the district. The Kentucky Commissioner of Education will interview candidates who apply for Mitchell’s seat and appoint a two-year replacement.

Janice Moore resigned her position as human resource director and will be replaced by Mitchell. Ruby Caudill is retiring from the custodial staff, but her replacement has not yet been hired. Jennifer Gray was hired as a substitute teacher.

Several coaches have been named for the upcoming seasons. Parker will coach the middle school cheerleaders, and Lanham will coach middle school girls basketball. Lee will be the varsity baseball coach, and Mark Taylor will assist.

High school secretary Donna Parker who had planned to retire in December has decided to stay through June. Her job will be posted in May.

Parental Involvement Is Promoted

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schools at one of the sessions.

The council received directions for the E-rate Toolkit for teachers provided by the Children’s Internet Protection Act. Ward said CIPA has requested that each school have its own policy on internet safety.

Upcoming events include a PTO meeting at 6 p.m. Monday and Fall Festival planning at 7 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 10. The meeting date has been changed from the third Monday of the month to the second Monday to accommodate member schedules.

Planters To Buy Local ONB Branch

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FORMER PANTHERS competing in the girls alumni soccer game Thursday, Aug. 9, at Riverside Park were BethAnne Dickens, (from left) Sam Crider, Rachel Donaldson, Ashley Purdy McKnight, Alyssa Butler, Chelsea Mills, Emilee Workman, Erin Jones Adams, Debra Grisham Oldham, Kristin Smiley Crook, Kelsey Audas Cotton, Lynsey Winfrey Smith, Karen Amundson, Regina Amundson, Coach Mary Amundson and Amber Martin. The alumni won the game 3-1.



FORMER PANTHERS competing in the boys alumni soccer game Thursday, Aug. 9, at Riverside Park were Coach Randall Campbell (from left), Nick Gogel, Zach Chappell, Aaron Labrado, Jacob Patton, Jarrid Scott, Kyle Chappell, Jerry Oliver, Tyler Martin, Jon Snell, Dayton Reed, Carson Labrado, Zack Sisk, Sami Crider, Dylon Peek, Emilee Workman and Coach Bobby Scott. The alumni beat the Panther varsity 4-0.

Panther Girls Top Reidland

The Panther girls soccer team defeated Reidland 2-0 at Riverside Park Thursday, Aug. 16, in a game that was canceled after a half due to inclement weather.

Coach Elizabeth Workman said it was the best she had seen the girls play as they had 10 shots on goal while holding Reidland to only three shots.

The Panther goals came off the feet of Halyn Burden and Abby Coy.

"I thought our defense and offense were both working really well together," Workman said. "They were giving each other really nice passing lanes which allowed us to capitalize and score. They were determined to get the win."

Elizabeth Black, the Panthers' goal keeper, had several saves to hold the Greyhounds scoreless.

Madisonville-North Hopkins proved to be a poor host Aug. 14 as they shut the Panthers out 10-0 in a game called with 15 minutes left due to the 10-goal rule.

"North is a great team, probably the best team that we will face all year," Workman said. "Our team did the best they could possibly do. They did not give up. They kept fighting until the very end."

The Panthers travel to Webster County today (Thursday) to take on the Trojans and then travel to Hopkins County Central Monday to face off with the Storm.



COMPETING GOLFERS watch as Sarah Huddleston tees off during the Webster County Girls Invitational Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Providence City Golf Course.

Photo by Dan Dillingham

Dillingham: Golfers Continue To Improve

Senior golfer Reed Smiley shot a personal-best 78 Saturday at the Madisonville Golf and Country Club to lead the Panthers in the Hopkins County Central Invitational Golf Tournament.

His teammate, freshman Schyuler Storms carded a 93, but they were the only Panthers to break 100 as the team had to settle for 14th place out of 16 teams.

"Reed played a great round of golf and broke into the 70s for the first time," Coach Dan Dillingham said of his senior's effort.

Justin Bullock recorded a 111, D.J. Thorpe shot 112 and Gage Brewer carded 126 for the Panthers, whose total score was 394.

T.J. Ferry of Christian County was medalist for the event with a 69. Caloway County's Conner Wagner finished second with 72. Smiley's 78 was good enough to tie for 11th place.

"Madisonville Golf and Country Club played tough," Dillingham said. "So it was good to see Reed play well."

Daviess County was the winning team with 309 as three golfers scored in the 70s for those Panthers.

University Heights also shot a 309 but lost on a tie breaker to finish second. Henderson County was next with 314.

Hopkins County Central finished seventh with 324 while Madisonville-North Hopkins was 10th with 334.

Meanwhile Saturday, Sarah Huddleston played in the Webster County Girls Invitational at Providence City Golf Course where she carded a 97 to finish 19th.

Henderson County's Abbey Zehner scored 73 for first place. Olivia Senter from Madisonville-North Hopkins shot 76 for second place.

"Sarah competed well and met some of her goals for the day," Dillingham said. "She's really improving each time she goes out and is very close to breaking into the 80s for 18 holes."

Henderson County and North Hopkins finished one-two in the event with scores of 311 and 338, respectively.

The Panthers and Lyon County played at Pennyryle Aug. 14. The Lyons didn't have enough for a full team with only three golfers so it wasn't considered an official match.

However, the Panthers played "pretty good" according to Dillingham as they shot a 186 as a team.

Smiley and Bullock each carded 45s; Storms and Austin Stevens shot 48; Thorpe had 53; and Brewer had 57.

On the girls' side, Huddleston came through with a 42.

"Sarah played really well on the day and shot her best round," Dillingham said. "She's driving the ball really well. As she continues to improve in the short game, I expect her scores to drop even more."

The Panthers were scheduled to play at Webster County Aug. 16 but the match was canceled due to inclement weather.

The boys' schedule will pick up today (Thursday) with a match against Union County at Breckenridge Golf Course.

Princeton Country Club will host the All "A" Regional Tournament Saturday for the boys and girls.

Next week the boys and girls will play at Pennyryle Tuesday against Crittenden County.

"Overall, I like where the team is headed," Dillingham said. "Each player is improving each day and working to better understand the game."

Soccer Boys Fall To Muhlenberg

The Panther boys soccer team lost 2-0 to Muhlenberg County Monday at Riverside Park as their defensive effort outperformed the offensive output.

The Mustangs had 22 shots on goal compared to only five shots for the home team.

Aaron Blue, the Panthers' goal keeper, registered 23 keeper saves. The defensive effort was buoyed by the play of Kendel Mitchell, Bryan Williams, Alan Black, Colton Chapple and Josh Castle.

The first goal for the Mustangs was scored late in the first half and the second with three minutes to go in the game.

The Panthers' record stands at 1-1 with the loss.

Lyon County hosted the Panthers Tuesday (the score was not known at press time), replacing the originally scheduled game with Butler County. Due to scheduling conflicts in Butler County's district the Panthers will not play them this year.

The Panthers play at Caldwell County today (Thursday) and will visit Hopkins County Central Monday.



KENDEL MITCHELL (top photo) and **Colton Chapple** (bottom photo) battle opponents during the Panthers' match against Muhlenberg County Monday, Aug. 20, at Riverside Park. The Panthers fell to the Mustangs 2-0.

It Could Be Time To Pause Governor's Cup

SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



BOB WATKINS

The Governor's Cup, Kentucky at Louisville, is nearing. Here are some facts while crunching a few numbers: Since 1994 the series has been a fixture for television, albeit played on whatever day and at whatever time a network chooses.

Kentucky leads the series 14-10 and it has been a model for parity. Each school has won half of the last 10 games.

From coaches Howard Schnellenberger to Charlie Strong, Rich Brooks and Joker Phillips, the passion and bragging have been kept mostly at a healthy tone and temperature and decibel level.

Two years ago the Howard Schnellenberger Award was instituted. Most outstanding player in the game went to UK's Derrick Locke in 2010, and U of L's Dexter Heyman last year.

All is well, right? I don't think so.

Certainly not as season opener.

Times have changed. For Kentucky, SEC expansion means the likelihood of an added league game. For Louisville, moving to another more challenging conference is in the cards.

The Governor's Cup was a dream-come-true for Schnellenberger and "fair thing," thinking by Bill Curry. It elevated Louisville football and was a coup for director of athletics Tom Jurich. For Kentucky's up-and-mostly down football it has become a physical and psychological bruise tattooed on before going into America's black-and-bruise meat grinder SEC.

Because of these things, and with each school having split the last 10 games, next week's Governor's Cup should be the tie-breaker and right time to put the series on pause. Say, for five years.

Favored by two touchdowns next week and picked to win the Big East this season, Louisville no longer needs the team in Lexington to get a TV date. Cardinal Football has gotten its brand to a level where flirtation with the Big 12 is not a joke.

Kentucky? Start with 2,060 reasons

to put the U of L series on the shelf. That's the number of tickets Wildcat fans did not buy for the Governor's Cup game next week.

Stark reality: UK fans have taken a powder for Week One in 2012, abandoned their team for its season opener. For Big Blue Nation it's Labor Day weekend, backyard party and ESPN.

Unless Joker Phillips' underdog team stuns U of L, or makes an impressive show at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium Sept. 2, the home opener six nights later with Kent State (5-7 last year) won't be a sell-out either.

From there, if we start to hear echoes cascade across empty seats at Commonwealth Stadium, then (nice man) Joker Phillips will start to hear drumbeat and groans in the distance.

We all know too well the rest of this medley.

MIRACLE AT WEST LIBERTY?

A nominee for the story of the year in Kentucky for 2012 is from West Liberty.

Rebuild has been a watch word around West Liberty in Morgan County, since March 4, when a tornado ravaged downtown. Last week a new sparkle of sunlight burst out following the whirl of helicopter blades. It became an occasion to stir the soul, restore optimism and faith in our fel-

lows.

University of Kentucky basketball coach John Calipari flew into the town of 4,000-plus and sparked a fundraiser. At the coach's urging donations began to roll in — thousands of dollars to rebuild a town, rejuvenate a county and help a region rebound from its March catastrophe.

Calipari challenged Kentuckians to donate. They did, and he matched every dollar. In November, a basketball game at Rupp Arena will feature former Wildcats with proceeds going to rebuild West Liberty.

What can be said about Calipari's philanthropy? For all the right reasons it's the right thing for celebrities to do. We can be sure Ashley Judd will arrive in Morgan County soon and with her checkbook open of course. Can't we? "America! I love this place."

CAN'T FIX STUPID DEFAMMENT

Hollywood icon John Wayne said once: "Life's hard. It's even harder when you're stupid."

That's an apt description for an item on the Internet last week about UK freshman-to-be Nerlens Noel. A Web site kid declared, "UK big man is the most overrated prospect in 2012.

"His lack of strength, offensive skills and feel for the game will likely prevent Noel from being the player

most expect him to be. Averages of eight points, seven rebounds and three blocks per game would be a reasonable expectation as a freshman. Those numbers are not bad. Unfortunately, expectations for Noel are so high that many will consider that kind of season to be a major disappointment and will likely apply the bust tag if Kentucky fails to reach the lofty expectations set for them."

THE MAN UK FANS FORGOT

The coach (too) many Big Blue Nation fans still try to forget is Dr. Orlando "Tubby" Smith. He received a contract extension from Minnesota recently.

What a career for Tubby. In 21 seasons (Tulsa, Georgia, Kentucky and Minnesota), his teams gave fans 20-plus win seasons 18 times, including all 10 at Kentucky.

At UK he was 263-83 (76 percent), good for three wins in every four games and an NCAA title.

And this statistic: In the pantheon of basketball coaches at Kentucky, only one was never connected to an NCAA rules violations and/or probation.

Quite a legacy for Dr. Tubby Smith.

And so it goes.

You can reach Bob Watkins at sprtsinky@aol.com.

KENTUCKY AFIELD OUTDOORS

Fall Squirrel Season Opened August 18

By Art Lander Jr.

Kentucky's fall squirrel season, a 193-day split season that kicks off the calendar of fall hunting, opened Aug. 18.

The season opens runs through Nov. 9. The season reopens Nov. 12 and closes Feb. 28, 2013.

The daily bag limit is six squirrels.

"Hunters will find plenty of squirrels this season, but populations could be slightly down in some areas," said Ben Robinson, small game biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Last fall's mast crop was rated good overall, but hickory and white oak production was poor."

There's a close relationship between a year's mast production and the following year's squirrel population levels.

Since 1953, department biologists have been gauging mast production based on an annual survey of the nuts on hickory, white and red oak and beech trees. The nuts of these trees comprise the most important foods for Kentucky's forest wildlife — squirrels, white-tailed deer, wild turkeys and bear.

Biologists walk the same route every year and estimate the year's mast crop based on what they observe.

"This year's survey began August 15 and will continue for about two weeks," said Robinson. "After this information is compiled, we'll have a clearer picture of the impact of the summer drought."

Weather extremes, such as late frosts and heavy rains in spring or summer droughts, can limit the amount and quality of mast.

Drought conditions in Western Kentucky are expected to affect squirrel behavior this fall in the region.

"I expect squirrels to be on

the move looking for food," said Robinson.

Late winter is the time when food availability becomes most critical to squirrels and can impact their body condition heading into the breeding season. Hickory nuts begin to mature in August. Acorns and beech-nuts mature in September and October.

Squirrel hunters can help management efforts by taking part in the Squirrel Hunting Co-operator Survey. The voluntary program, which started in 1995, supplies information that biologists use to monitor squirrel population trends in Kentucky.

Hunters record information about their hunts as the season progresses. This information includes the county hunted, hours afield, number and species of squirrels seen and harvested, number of hunters in the party and the number of dogs used to find squirrels.

When hunters are finished hunting for the season they simply mail in their survey. Logs are available online at fw.ky.gov by clicking on the "Hunting, Trapping & Wildlife" tab, then the "Small Game" tab, followed by the "Squirrel" tab. Hunters may request a log by calling (800) 858-1549. Logs must be returned to the department no later than May 31, 2013.

Each year, after the survey information is compiled and analyzed, a report is mailed out to squirrel hunters who shared the details of their hunting activities from the previous season.

Last season, the survey detailed 1,144 squirrel hunts in 76 Kentucky counties. Hunters reported that they saw nearly five squirrels per hunt and bagged almost two squirrels per hour.

Hunting success was highest in the month of September and 68 percent of the hunts occurred in the first three months of the season.



JOSIE WITHERSPOON (left) and Brooklyn Walls share a breakfast table on the first day of school Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Sign Up Now For Trigg Co. Youth Baseball Or Softball

Signups for Trigg County Youth Athletic fall baseball and softball are underway at the league's Web site, www.tcyaa.org.

Ages are 6-12 for baseball

and 7-12 for softball. The cost is \$40 per player. The season will start after Labor Day and run through early October.

For information, phone Scott Brown at 484-6919.

Registration Is Begun For Mentor-Youth Dove Hunt

Registration for Kentucky's mentor-youth dove hunts began Monday.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources conducts special hunts for adults wishing to introduce dove hunting to youth. These hunts are held on the first Saturday of dove season each September. The department limits the number of participants to avoid overcrowding.

Hunters interested in reserving a space for these hunts must register by calling the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at 1-800-858-1549 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Limited spaces are allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is open through Aug. 27, or whenever all the slots are filled. Most mentor-youth hunts will be held this year on Sept. 1; opening day of dove season statewide. Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge will conduct four mentor/youth hunts on Sept. 1, 2, 8 and 9.

The mentor-youth dove hunts offer adults a path to introduce youth aged 15 years and under into the enjoyment of an early season dove hunt. Each adult may take one or two youths. Hunter education and licensing requirements apply to those participating in these hunts.

Hunting hours run from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. (local time) on Sept. 1. Hunters must be out of the field by 7:30 p.m. Hunting groups must check in prior to hunting and check out prior to leaving the field with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff members.

Mentor-youth fields located on private land are open to general hunting on Labor Day, Sept. 3. These fields then close to all hunting Sept. 4-7; they reopen to general hunting Sept.

8 through Oct. 24.

Mentor-youth fields located on wildlife management areas (WMA) are open to general hunting Sept. 2 through Oct. 24.

For more information on the mentor-youth dove hunts, consult the 2012 Kentucky Hunting Guide for Dove, Wood Duck, Teal, Woodcock, Snipe and Crow. This guide is available on the Internet at fw.ky.gov and also soon available in booklet form wherever hunting licenses are sold.

This year's mentor-youth dove fields include:

— Union County, Higginson-Henry WMA:

Directions: Hwy. 56, about 7 miles southeast of Morganfield.

— Grant County, Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA:

Directions: Take Crittenden exit off I-75 and follow U.S. 25 south to KY 491, turn left across railroad tracks, then right on Wildlife Road.

— Green County, private field:

Directions: Take U.S. 68/70 south from Greensburg for 5.9 miles. Turn right on KY 218 for nearly 2 miles, then left onto Roy Bagby Road. The field is located at the end of the road, on the right

— Washington County, private field:

Directions: From U.S. 150 at Fredericktown, take Short Creek Road to Burg Hill Road.

— McCracken County, Clark's River National Wildlife Refuge:

Mentor/Youth Hunts on Sept. 1, 2, 8, and 9, opens to public hunting on Sept. 10.

Directions: From Symsonia, take KY 131 north for a little over 2 miles to fields on left marked by signs. U.S.F.W.S. approved non-toxic shot required for all dove hunting on this area.

Waterfowl Blind Drawings Set To Start This Weekend

Dates are now set for the waterfowl blind drawings for Doug Travis, Lake Barkley, Barren River Lake and Green River Lake Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs).

Those hunters interested in participating in the waterfowl blind drawing must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid 2012-2013 Kentucky hunting license, a Kentucky waterfowl permit and a federal migratory bird permit (duck stamp) at the time of the drawing.

The waterfowl blind drawing for Doug Travis WMA in Carlisle and Hickman counties will be Saturday, Aug. 25. The drawing will be held at the Doug Travis WMA office, located a half mile south of Berkley on KY 123. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Central time with the drawing at 10 a.m.

The Lake Barkley WMA waterfowl blind drawing will be Monday, Sept. 17. The drawing will be held at the shelter on the east side of the Cumberland River, near the Lake Barkley Dam, off U.S. 62 near Lake City. Applicants should use the Power House entrance then turn right toward the drawing location. The drawing will be held at 8 a.m. Central time.

The Green River Lake WMA waterfowl blind drawing will be held Saturday, Sept. 29. The drawing will be held

at the Green River Lake Corps of Engineers office off KY 55, approximately 7 miles south of Campbellsville. Registration is 9 a.m. Eastern time with the drawing at 10 a.m.

The Barren River Lake WMA waterfowl blind drawing will be held Saturday, Oct. 6. The drawing will be held at the Barren River Lake Corps of Engineers office at Barren River Lake dam, off KY 252. The drawing will be conducted from 7 to 9 a.m. Central time.

Hunters drawn for blinds on Doug Travis, Lake Barkley, Green River or Barren River Lake WMAs are responsible for locating, preparing and maintaining the blind site for the duration of the 2012-2013 waterfowl seasons. Each drawn hunter may select a co-owner of the blind site for use in the absence of the hunter drawn. The co-owner must be present at the drawing.

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CHECKING FOR TICKS IS IMPORTANT

Lyme Disease Is Prevalent But Difficult To Diagnose

By
Jennifer Corbett
The Kentucky Standard

Since January 2012, there have been eight reported cases of Lyme disease in Nelson County, according to the Lincoln Trail District Health Department.

Wendy Keown, public information officer for Lincoln Trail, said tick borne diseases are prevalent in Kentucky, particularly in wooded areas where camping and hiking are popular — such as Nelson County.

“We’re more at risk than people in urban areas,” Keown said, adding that she isn’t aware of any deaths from the disease that have been reported to Lincoln Trail.

The issue with diagnosing Lyme disease, she said, is because doctors don’t always consider the disease first.

“They look for more common ailments first,” she said. “If you’re having chest pains they look at other reasons, such as genetics and high blood pressure. A lot of people don’t know they were bitten (by a tick) so it does make it harder to diagnose.”

Logan McCulloch, a member of the Kentuckiana Lyme Support Group, said the “fastest spreading infectious disease in the United States” is tricky to identify because it’s a “mimic disease.”

“To the doctors’ defense, it’s not an easy disease to diagnose,” he said, noting that many health professionals initially think the symptoms are mental because of a bacteria called Borrelia Burgdorferi, a spiral-shaped bacteria that embeds itself into tissue and could even pass the Blood Brain Barrier and embed itself in the brain.

Because of that, antibiotics have difficultly fighting it, McCulloch said, adding that many Lyme disease patients develop suicidal thoughts because they’re often told it’s in

their head.

“It’s frustrating for Lyme patients to deal with the medical community,” he added, “when you’re constantly told it’s in your head, when you know you’re not making it up.”

McCulloch would know firsthand, since a tick bit him during a weekend trip to Mammoth Cave in 2011. He found out he had Lyme disease after he found a bull’s eye rash — a common indicator of Lyme disease — on his body.

However, McCulloch said he found that not everyone develops a rash after receiving a tick bite. In reality, only 25-30 percent of individuals develop redness of the skin.

“You might feel itching,” Keown said. “Unless you found the tick yourself, you may not know. They may fall off on their own.”

Doctors will typically administer laboratory blood tests before diagnosing a patient with Lyme disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The test will measure antibodies made by white blood cells in response to the infection. However, it can take several weeks after the infection for the body to produce enough antibodies to be detected.

“Therefore, patients tested during the first few weeks of illness will often test negative,” the CDC’s Web site states. “In contrast, patients who have had Lyme disease for longer than four to six weeks will almost always test positive.”

Early on, doctors prescribe antibiotics to the patient in an attempt to rid the disease early.

However, McCulloch believes that many doctors misinterpret the seriousness of Lyme disease by only prescribing a small dosage.

“Unfortunately, there’s a lot of misinformation out there about the duration of antibiotics,” he said. “Physicians mistakenly believe Lyme is not present in Kentucky or they rely on lab tests as their pri-

mary diagnostic tool. The CDC says Lyme has to be clinically diagnosed and to use the lab test to confirm it.”

Controversy behind Lyme disease

Some physicians consider Lyme disease “hard to catch and easy to cure,” according to the Lyme Disease Association. Because of that, doctors will fail to diagnose patients who have Lyme disease.

“Such delay in treatment may result in an acute treatable illness becoming a chronic, less responsive one,” according to the Lyme Disease Association. “Doctors are practicing medicine in a reasonable fashion based on the application of certain diagnostic principles, although the therapeutic approaches differ considerably stemming from the narrow vs. broad criteria for diagnosis. This is the essence of the medical controversy surrounding chronic Lyme disease. Until medical doctors have a test that definitively identifies the presence or absence of infection (and such a test does not yet exist), the controversy about the diagnosis and treatment of chronic Lyme disease will continue.”

Tick characteristics

In reality, not many people know if ticks, such as the Lone Star tick and American Dog tick, bite them, because they’re the size of a freckle and their bites are subtle.

“They carefully put their mouth parts in your skin,” said Dr. Lee Townsend, an etymology specialist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, noting that they like to embed themselves with a cement-like secretion in an individual’s groin, belly button, ear, armpit, waistband, or scalp so they will remain unnoticed.

Once embedded, the tick will feed on the blood stream until it’s full, which could take several hours or even days, Townsend said.

Over time, ticks have devel-

oped the ability to wait a long time before they have a meal, according to Townsend.

“They feed three times during their life,” he said. “They’re pretty good at waiting a long time. They’re not going to starve very easy. Ticks go several months without a feeding.”

After a meal, they stay on the surface of the ground digesting everything, which takes a fairly long time, according to Townsend.

“When they shed their outer covering, then they’ll be ready to feed,” he said.

Once they’re ready, the ticks crawl on to the end of grass legs and wait for a human or animal to pass by.

Townsend said ticks aren’t picky whether it’s a human or animal because, “Hunger moti-

vates them to look for a meal.”

Tips to prevent Lyme disease

That’s why it important for people to always check themselves for ticks, Townsend added.

In order to prevent tick bites, the CDC suggests to avoid wooded and bushy areas with high grass or leaf litter, walk in the center of trails, use repellents that contain 20 percent or more DEET, use products that contain permethrin on clothing, bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors, preferably within two hours, conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror and examine gear and pets.

“Wear light-colored clothing,” McCulloch added. “Tuck pants into socks so you can see

it. Every couple of hours, take a hard look at the waist down.”

If a tick is found, McCulloch suggested using a fine-point tweezer to remove the tick.

“Get to the base of the skin and get them by their mouth parts,” he said. “I always say it’s better to get a part of skin, rather than leave the head.”

McCulloch added it’s important to pull the tick off gradually, don’t grab, jerk or twist.

“If you would suspect you’re going where ticks are active, protect yourself with repellent,” Townsend noted. “Find ticks before they attach. Ticks that carry diseases generally feed for several hours before they pass the disease along. That’s why regular checking is so important.”



EXITING the bus for the first day of the new school year Wednesday, Aug. 1, are (from left) Bennie Grayson, Keph McCune, Bethany Burbage and Aaleigh Bourland.

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CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Work prospects are back on track. But watch what you say. A thoughtless comment to the wrong person -- even if it's said in jest -- could delay or even derail your progress.

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by Steve Becker

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♦ K 7 3
♣ K Q 8

WEST
♠ 9 8 5
♥ A K Q 10
♦ 8 6 2
♣ 5 4 2

EAST
♠ 7 6 3 2
♥ 4
♦ A Q 10 9 5 4
♣ 7 3

SOUTH
♠ K 4
♥ J 9 8 7 3
♦ J
♣ A J 10 9 6

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North 1♣ East 1♦ South 1♥ West Pass
1♠ Pass 3♥ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Dble
Opening lead — two of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the Vanderbilt Teams some years ago. South got to four hearts doubled on the bidding shown, and West led a diamond, won by East with the queen. East shifted to a trump, on which South played the nine. West could have taken the trick with the ten, but, in an effort to mislead declarer, he won the nine with the queen.

The benefit of West's clever play could be seen by what happened next. After ruffing West's diamond return, South played a low trump, expecting to find the suit divided 3-2. In that case, he would have gone down only one.

But West won the second trump lead with the ten and cashed his A-K, extracting all of declarer's remaining trumps. East had discarded three spades as the trumps were played, so when West next led a diamond, East was able to score four diamonds before conceding the last three tricks.

Declarer thus lost five diamonds as well as four trump tricks to finish down six for a loss of 1,700 points! South would, of course, have done much better had he not fallen into the trap so artfully laid by West. Had he not led another trump, he would have gone down two instead of six, losing only 500 points.

Note that West's fine play of winning the nine of trumps with the queen had everything to gain and nothing to lose. He realized that his queen play might induce declarer to expect a 3-2 trump division, and he also knew that his four natural trump tricks would remain intact even if South avoided further trump leads. West's attempted deception was surely not profound, but it was extraordinarily effective.

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

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20. RAMONA
21. STALE

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1. FLO
2. OIL
3. ALI
4. LVEL
5. GEE
6. OLLIE
7. MARNIE
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9. URGES
10. SOUS
11. SLUSH
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21. NIK

Veterans Day Parade Date Announced In Madisonville

The annual Veterans Day parade sponsored by American Legion Post 6 and VFW Post 5480 in Madisonville will take place Nov. 4. Lineup will begin at 12:30 p.m. with the parade starting at 2 p.m.

All entries must have a military or patriotic theme. The

deadline to enter is Oct. 26. Forms are available at American Legion Post 6, the Madisonville Chamber of Commerce, VFW Post 5480 and The Messenger.

For additional information, phone the American Legion at 821-9161 or e-mail madisonvillepost6@nwcable.net.



MEMBERS of Dawson Springs High School Class of 1982 enjoying a reunion Saturday, July 21, at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park are (from left) Barry Russell, Kelly Thomas Akin, Kathy Cummins Crick and Carla Johnson.

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Kenlake Hotel Will Host Free Front Lawn Concert

A free concert will be held tonight (Thursday) at 5 p.m. on the front lawn of Kenlake Hotel. All bands and workers are volunteering their time to help organizations in Trigg, Christian, Marshall and Calloway counties. Donations will be accepted for the Pennyroyal

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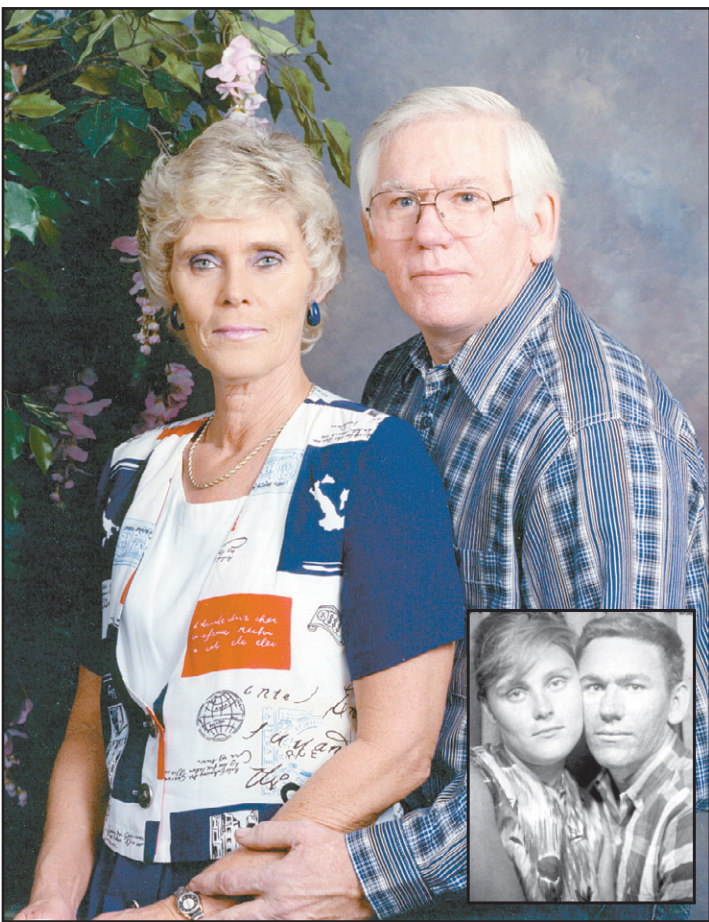
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BRENDA PURDY and Madison Purdy pause to listen to instructions before entering school for the first day of classes Wednesday, Aug. 1.



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Mr. And Mrs. Robert Royal Mark Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Royal of Dawson Springs will celebrate their 50th anniversary Monday. Royal and the former Elizabeth Jackson were married Aug. 27, 1962.

The couple have three children, Tony Royal, Doug Royal and Lisa Brasher, all of Dawson Springs; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



PAUSING to visit at the “Hats and Handwork Tea” held Sunday, June 24, at the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center are (from left) Sandra Menser and Barbara Morgan.

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Orange Reunion Scheduled

The annual Orange reunion will be held Aug. 26 in the Katherine Barnett room of the Dawson Springs Branch ILI-

brary.

Doors will open at 11 a.m. with a potluck lunch served at 12:30.

YW Club Has Aug. Meeting At Pennyrile Resort Park

The YW Club met Aug. 16 at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. Melissa Heflin and Charlotte Cooley served as co-hostesses.

Silk pie was served to the following: Pat Bruce, Deborah Coats, Beth Dillingham, Peggy Furgerson, Trudy Hendrickson, Sue Kimmel, Shirley Menser, Bonnie Mills, Jeannie Moore, Janis Peroddy, Beverly Seibert, Sharon Budd, Carolyn Stevens, Sylvia Thomas, Marvalyn Tolbert and the hostesses.

Money was donated for the backpack program. President Bonnie Mills read a report on

the cake walk. Members were encouraged to donate Food Giant stamps to an organization such as the Humane Society. Members were given an invitation to help support the local recycling center and were notified of a fund-raiser to benefit the Alzheimer’s Foundation at the Dawson Springs Museum at 6 p.m. Aug. 27.

Rook was played with the following results: high, Carolyn Stevens; second high, Pat Bruce; low, Deborah Coats.

The September hostesses will be Trudy Hendrickson and Cassie Bruch.



SISTERS Hannah Livingston, 10, and Emma Livingston, 5, hold the ten inches of their hair cut at Beauty Shop on the Square by Lindsey Morgan Friday, Aug. 3, to donate to “locks of love.”

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RUBY HATLEY (left) chats with Renee Huddleston at the “Hats and Handwork Tea” held Sunday, June 24, at the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center.

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‘Make A Wish’ Makes Harley Hatton’s Wish Come True



HARLEY HATTON, 8, gives a hug to Allen Dixon (above photo), Princeton, who with the “Make A Wish Foundation” made Harley’s wish for a trip to Orlando, Fla., for the Star Wars celebration at Disney World come true. Harley left Tuesday with his brother and and parents and will return Aug. 29. In right photo he is with his family (clockwise, from top left) brother Joey, mother Becky, sister Laura and dad, the Rev. E. J. Hatton, at Harley’s “Make A Wish Party” Sunday, Aug. 19, at the First United Methodist Church. Thirty friends and relatives attended the party.

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